

Current Conditions: Presence or Absence of Wilderness Characteristics

Area Unique Identifier: CO-060-013

Acreage: 15.8

Is the area of sufficient size?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Description

The unit of BLM land identified as CO-060-013 meets the size requirement criteria with the adjacent Red Cloud Peak Wilderness Study Area (WSA) bordering to the west. BLM road 3325 with its many switchbacks is the eastern, northern, and southern boundary for CO-060-013.

(1) Does the area appear to be natural?

Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐

Description

High topographic relief and steep rocky features combined with a densely wooded landscape containing spruce, aspen, grasses, and many wildflower species all contribute to the naturalness of CO-060-013. Little to no human impact is visible. Previous inventory of this parcel conducted by the Montrose BLM office in 1979 found this area to lack overall naturalness and was excluded from the Red Cloud Peak WSA (CO-030-208).

(2) Does the area (or the remainder of the area if a portion has been excluded due to unnaturalness and the remainder is of sufficient size) have outstanding opportunities for solitude?

Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐

Description

With one access road (BLM 3325), close proximity to the Red Cloud Peak WSA, dense vegetation and steep topographic features, opportunities for solitude exist throughout CO-060-013.

(3) Does the area (or the remainder of the area if a portion has been excluded due to unnaturalness and the remainder is of sufficient size) have outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?

Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐

Description

This parcel provides opportunities for unconfined and primitive recreation such as hiking, backpacking and wildlife viewing.

(4) Does the area have supplemental values (ecological, geological, or other features of scientific, educational, scenic, or historic value)?

Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐

Description

This parcel contains a high level of lynx habitat and a medium level of elk winter habitat.

Summary of Analysis

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Result of Analysis:

1. Does the area meet any of the size requirements? ☒ Yes ☐ No
2. Does the area appear to be natural? ☒ Yes ☐ No
3. Does the area offer outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive or unconfined type of recreation? ☒ Yes ☐ No
4. Does the area have supplemental values? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Check one

 X The area, or portion of the area, has wilderness characteristics and is identified as lands with wilderness characteristics.

 The area does not have wilderness characteristics.

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